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ANGLERS CORNER

By Roger Hare

We had a terrible weekend for fishing last week. The rain on Saturday kept the small boats ashore and the wind and rain on Sunday kept everyone in the harbor.

Even before the bad weather though, the cod and flounder fishing slowed down. There are still some fish off the entrance to Scituate Harbor and off the black bell at the entrance to the North River but they are not there in any great numbers. Richard and Fran Nalwalker found some flounder and cod in the Green Harbor area recently. Fran says she is the perfect fisherman's wife, as she lets Dick do all the work of baiting the hook and taking off the fish. She likes to cook and eat it though.

Lon Estabrook of Norwell has the season's largest blue-fish so far. It is a 19 pound 7 ounce blue caught on a parachute jig off the rips at Nantucket while fishing with Ronnie Braun of Marshfield. Ronnie has had some great fishing trips this season catching many cod, bluefish and striped bass. On one trip Ronnie and Lon caught over 20 bass some of which weighed over 50 pounds each.

A school of bluefish showed

up last week off Third Cliff in Scituate but they moved on rather quickly. There will be more from now on as we hit the height of the bluefishing season. There are lots of big blues this year, and it will be welcome news to many anglers to be able to catch those choppers close to our shores. One of the reasons the blues do not stay in any one spot off our area is because bluefish must swim continually in order to pass water over their gills for oxygen so they can breathe. When the water moves rapidly as in a tidal rip, the blues can hang in and just let the water flow over their gills. This is why the blues stay off Provincetown in one area, and the abundance of sand eels and other bait fish keep them there.

The lobstermen are having a pretty good season. Now that these big crayfish have stopped shedding, more of them are showing up in the lobster pots. Many are soft shelled now and are easy to break apart.

The fresh water fishing has also slowed down with the very hot weather. Ray Dubois, who manages the sporting goods at Woolworth's in Hanover Mall recently caught a 7 pound and a 6½ pound large mouth bass in our area ponds. The black plastic worm is a killer for these fish.

The giant bluefin tuna fishing has been slower than last year so far but is gradually picking up. The next couple of weeks should show a marked increase in the number of these fish that are caught. Kevin Scolar has caught a number of these tuna so far and leads the area with the most fish to date. Bill Drury caught his first tuna in thirteen trips last week, then went the next day and caught another. Each bluefin weighed between 700 and 800 pounds. Paul Hanky helped him hold the hand line and this was a big thrill for this young lad.

I'm busy moving so my fishing is curtailed, but call me with any fishing reports at 834-9337.

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As a community service, South Shore Hospital has again organized a Speakers Bureau for the use of clubs and organizations on the South Shore.

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